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RESPONSE B

Dear Sir:

This correspondence is in response to the Office Action of September 4, 2002.
Please consider the following arguments, and enter the following amendments.

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AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

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5. (twice amended) A process according to claim 4, characterized in that the purified HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor is obtained by
- d1) collecting fractions; and